

415 Locust St. Phila. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885

To the President,

Sir,

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This we deny, and we further deny that these places have been so filled. I enclose you, Sir, a copy of letter sent by us to the Hancock Veterans and desire further to state that on Friday last 27<sup>th</sup> ult. I addressed a letter to Mr. Fox, Supl. of the U.S. Mint, asking for the names of the men who replaced those who were discharged and whose names were sent you on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1885, but have received no reply from him.

We believe these resolutions were dictated by some person, to throw discredit upon us and our motives. If it is shown that the new appointees in these places are ex-Soldiers or Sailors we have done, but our information is to the contrary, and we are satisfied that an effort is being made to embarrass you in your promised action upon our memorial.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully Yours

J. M. Green

Chm. & Comm.

V. R. W. of Pa.





# Veterans' Rights Union

## OF PENNSYLVANIA.

**J. C. AITKEN,**  
President.

"The object of this Union is, under the auspices of the G. A. R., to secure to those who served under the Government of the United States during the late war, the rights and privileges guaranteed to them by Sections 1754 and 1755 of the Revised Statutes of the United States," as also Section 3, Chapter 287, Laws of 1876.

"Sec. 1754—Persons honorably discharged from the Military or Naval Service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty, SHALL be preferred for appointments to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices."

Sec. 3, Chapter 287, Laws of 1876, is in part, as follows. "Provided, that in making any reduction of force in any of the Executive Departments, the head of such Department SHALL retain those persons who may be equally qualified who have been honorably discharged from the Military or Naval Service of the United States, and the widows and orphans of deceased Soldiers and Sailors."

**E. CALDWELL,**  
Secretary,

2220 Turner St., Phila., Pa.

Philadelphia, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1885

Geo W. Palmer Esq.

Col Comdg Hancock Veterans

Dear Sir,

The attention of the G. A. R. Vet Rights Union of Penna. has been called to your resolutions published in the newspapers of the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. All in which is stated that the places in the U. S. Mint formerly filled by the Union Soldiers lately discharged had been filled, "By worthy Ex Union Soldiers whose war record is beyond question." In the interest of the truth you are herewith asked to furnish the names, regiments, and length of service of these new Appointees—Your statement is simply general in its character and as such carries no proof with it. We simply want to know who these men are and if you show them or any of them to have served in the





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Thos H Ayres. Committee  
Jno M Wallace "  
J. K. Norcross.

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In matter of Soldiers &  
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Mr. New.  
Ch. of Commerce

Relative to Soldiers and  
Sailors discharged from  
Mist.

also

Letter from the Hancock Veteran  
Association on the subject

Rec'd Nov 27/85

Head Quarters Hancock Veterans

N.E. Cor of 77 Carpenter Street

Philadelphia

At the stated meeting of the Association held on the Eve of Nov. 1st, 1885, Edmund Chas. S. Tipton presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

Whereas the Veteran Rights Union of Philada. having partitioned his Excellency Governor Cleveland President of the United States to Reinstato fourteen discharged veterans to their original places in the U.S. Mint

Resolved that we the Hancock Veterans of Philada. composed of Honorably discharged Soldiers & Sailors of the late war, do earnestly request the President to disregard the same, as the Hon. Danl. M. Fox Supt. of the Mint has given the places to worthy Ex. Union Soldiers whose war record is beyond question

And, the only complaint the so-called Veteran right Union is able to make is that the said soldiers have voted the Democratic ticket

Resolved that a copy of the above be forwarded to his Excellency Gov. Cleveland President of the U.S. with the prayer that no action be taken in the matter

And that a copy sent to Hon. Danl. M. Fox Supt. U.S. Mint

Geo. W. Palmer  
Colonel  
Commanding

Chas. V. Bernier  
Adjutant





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David W. Sellers, Solicitor.  
Wm. Grew, Assistant d.s.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1885

Hon. D.M. Fox, Supl. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

My attention has been called to an assertion made by "The Hancock Veterans Assn." of this City, that the places of the Soldiers who have been discharged from the Mint, had been filled by worthy ex-soldiers. No means of verifying this statement is given by the published announcement. I enclose you herewith the names of the men, in whose behalf the Comm. of Vet. Rights Union called upon and ask, if it is in your power, that you give us the names of the men who now fill their places. We are not attempting to displace ex-soldiers and want to know it, when we do. Hoping this will not be troubling you too much, I remain Sir, Very respy. Jno. W. Grew  
Chm. G. Comm.

[Letter One:]

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December 3, 1885

To the President,

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This we deny, and we further deny that these places have been so filled. I enclose you, Sir, a copy of letter sent by us to the Hancock Veterans and desire further to state that on Friday last 27th ult. I addressed a letter to Mr. Fox. Supt. of the U.S. Mint, asking for the names of the men who replaced those who were discharged and whose names were sent you on Oct. 29th 1885, but have received no reply from him.

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Wm. Green  
Chm. Ex. Comm.  
V.R.U. of Pa.

[Letter Two:]

[Abstract:] In matter of soldiers & sailors discharged from the Mint.

Veterans' Rights Union of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia,

December 3, 1885

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Jno. W. Wallace

J.K. Norcrofs

[Letter Three:]

[Abstract:] Relative to Soldiers and Sailors discharged from Mint. Also, Letter from the Hancock Veteran Association on the Subject.

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[Letter Four:]

Head Quarters Hancock Veterans  
U.S. Cor. Of 7 & Carpenter Street  
Philadelphia

At the stated meeting of the Association held on the Eve of Nov. 1st, 1885, Comrade Chas. E. Tipton presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

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[Letter Five:]

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